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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Austin SMITH and Meng, LI

Serial No.: 09/686,880

Filed: October 12, 2000

For: LINEAGE SPECIFIC CELLS AND
PROGENITOR CELLS

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) Group Art Unit: 1633
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) Examiner: S. Cheng
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to a restriction requirement dated August 16, 2001. The date for filing this response has been extended by a concurrently filed Petition and fee to November 16, 2001. The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Claims 42-54, 58, 64, and 65 directed to a method for generating a culture that is purified or enriched in neural progenitor cells (Group I); Claims 42-51, 55, and 58 directed to a method for generating a culture that is purified or enriched in cardiac progenitor cells (Group II); Claims 42-51 and 56-58 directed to a method for generating a culture that is purified or enriched in haematopoietic progenitor cells (Group III); Claims 42-51 and 58-60 directed to a method for generating a culture that is purified or enriched in ventral progenitor cells (Group IV); and Claims 61-63 drawn to an assay of the effect of a factor on a culture of progenitor cells of a selected lineage (Group V).

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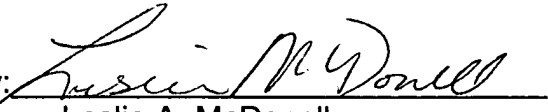
Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 42-54, 58, 64, and 65 drawn to a method for generating a culture that is purified or enriched in neural progenitor cells. Applicants understand that upon allowance of the linking claims, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claims will be entitled to examination in the instant application.

Applicants believe that any extension of time required to submit this response is accounted for by the accompanying Petition and fees, however, in the event of an error, please grant any additional extension of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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